GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DEMOLITION DRIVE AGAINST ILLEGAL HOUSES IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demolition drive against illegal houses is going on in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the persons who sold the agricultural land for housing to innocent people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a): The Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has informed that demolition action has been initiated against illegal construction constituting unauthorized colonization made on agricultural land and in violation of Law. Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has intimated that action against the unauthorized construction has been taken as per the Law by MCD. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA), has intimated that demolition of illegal houses in Development Areas declared under Section 12 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957 is an ongoing process in Delhi. New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has intimated that there is no special drive against illegal houses going on in NDMC area and it takes action against unauthorized construction, if any, noticed from time to time.

(b): The GNCTD has intimated that a total of 1157 illegal structures have been demolished in West, South, South-West, North and North-West districts of Delhi recently. MCD has intimated that action against 3570 cases was taken for unauthorized construction/ongoing unauthorized construction during the period January, 2010 to June, 2010. This covers demolition action against 1259 cases and sealing action against 2311 cases.

(c) & (d): The GNCTD has also reported that the Police was asked to lodge FIR against the colonizer/owner under the relevant provisions of Law. A case FIR has already been registered on 28.5.2010. Public advisory in leading newspapers has also been issued advising public not to invest in illegal properties.